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Staff Reporter

A zoning amendment application has been put on hold following some new information the municipality of Dysart et al received.

A public meeting held on Feb. 6 to approve a zoning amendment for the lands of Sunderji, located on Wenona Lake, saw some confusion over how to proceed with the file following an environmental impact assessment the municipality received.

The assessment was written by Glen-side Ecological Services' Paul Heaven, a wildlife biologist, after he was hired by Keith and Susan Hay to review the site evaluation and impact assessment prepared by Michalski Nielsen Associates Limited.

Heaven's review was done following a decision made in July 2016 by the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, where the committee granted consent to Sunderji to sever the property into four

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Young musher readies for big race

Haliburton teen Logan McCready-DeBruin was a little nervous about racing in his first Jr Iditarod. McCready-DeBruin, whose father Hank has completed the Yukon Quest and Iditarod several times, will be looking to complete the 150 mile route for 14- to 17-year-olds, starting on Feb. 25 in Alaska. See results on jriditarod.com./DARREN LUM Staff

Burton not expected back to council until June

ANGELICA INGRAM
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at a Feb. 13 meeting of Highlands East council.

Highlands East council is preparing for Reeve Dave Burton to be absent from the council table until June.

Councillors passed a resolution to authorize Burton's seat to be vacant for a minimum of three months, with an anticipated return date of June 2017.

At the end of 2016, Burton slipped on the ice and injured both his knees.

Highlands East clerk Irene Cook said Burton expects to be in hospital until the end of February and then will have a lengthy stint in rehab.

Cook said he could be back at council prior to June, however there is concern he could fall again with the winter weather, so the resolution is erring on the side of caution.

Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge is acting as reeve until Burton returns.

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Neighbours contend property hosts American ginseng

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parcels of land.

The applicant is now applying to rezone the property from rural type 1 zone and environmental protection to a waterfront residential zone and environmental protection.

Planning director for the municipality Patricia Martin said the municipality has received several written submissions about the application, outlining concerns such as an impact on wildlife, increased boat traffic and wetland protection.

The entire property, which measures 53 acres, was purchased by Mumtaz Sunderji.

Acting as the agent for the applicant, Greg Bishop spoke to concerns he had with Heaven's report and its impact on the planning process.

The file was first started in 2012, said Bishop, and a significant amount of time and investment was spent over the past five years.

Bishop said the severance portion of the application has already been decided by the county and is not in the municipality's purview.

"The severance has been heard and decided," said Bishop.

He added that Heaven had not been on the applicant's property and had submitted a "desktop review" to the municipality.

"I am dumbfounded Paul Heaven would put his name on this report," said Bishop.

The report from Heaven outlines two issues with the Sunderji property, that it may contain American ginseng, an endangered plant, and that part of it may be a wetland.

Heaven states in his report that if it does contain American ginseng, the provincial policy statement, county's official plan and township's official plan prohibit development in the habitat of American ginseng.

Evidence of American ginseng was found by the Hays, who submitted photographs to Heaven from a neighbouring property to the applicant's. In his report, Heaven confirmed that three of the four photos he received from the Hays were American ginseng.

According to Heaven's report, wetlands should be assessed using a provincial wetland evaluation system.

"The provincial policy statement, county official plan and municipality of Dysart official plan prohibit development in provincially significant wetlands," it reads.

Martin had suggested to the committee that based on the new information presented by Heaven, the file be deferred and reviewed by the county's land division committee.

Bishop didn't believe sending the file back to the county was going to help anyone and reminded the committee the application before them was strictly about zoning, and not about severing the property.

"The whole report has caused a ripple effect in the planning process ... it has nothing to do with zoning," said Bishop.

During a PowerPoint presentation, Keith Hay showed photographs of the property and outlined some of its features, including it being home to a beaver pond.

Hay said concerns about the application revolved around the presence of endangered species such as American ginseng.

He requested a site evaluation be done to see if it does in fact exist on the property and that the application be deferred.

President of the Miskwabi Area Community Association, which encompasses Wenona Lake, Andy Mosher and vice-president Peter Dilworth spoke to their con-

cerns with the zoning application.

Mosher said the lake is already "highly developed" and that the association would like to see a boating capacity study done.

MACA believes the recreation carrying capacity for the lake is already stressed and that the water in the bay is too shallow for boats and swimming.

Chair of the committee and Dysart Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts said she didn't see the value in a boating study as the property in question was so shallow and weedy, there was no way a motor boat could be launched there.

Discussion over restricting the size of a dock that could be installed was had, which the committee agreed could be written into the zoning application.

A resolution to defer the file and send it back to the land division committee was tabled, which Roberts said was not the appropriate channel, as it should be sent back to the county and not the committee.

Roberts is a member of the land division committee.

The committee voted unanimously to defer the file and send it to Haliburton County planning director Charley White for direction.

The application will come back to Dysart council at its March 6 public meeting. Heaven could not be reached for comment by press time.

Grant dollars go to canopy, sidewalks

Dysart et al has received two grants from the federal and provincial governments to improve community infrastructure.

Sidewalk improvements at the corner of Victoria Street and Pine Avenue in Haliburton Village (near the old school) will be completed using a \$25,000 grant and a canopy will be installed at the medical centre using a

\$27,000 grant.

The funding makes up 50 per cent of the cost for each project; Dysart et al will match those figures.

The funding dollars come from the Canada-Ontario Public Transit Infrastructure Fund. Last week, the provincial government announced the 16 successful municipalities accessing the money.

Dysart interim director of public works Rob Camelon said the canopy will make use of the medical centre safer and more comfortable. It will "protect people walking in and out of the building from ice forming overhead" he wrote in an email to the Echo. "It will also provide some shelter from the elements while they wait to be picked up at the front door."

The project on Pine and Victoria will "lower the grade of the sidewalks on the southern corners" of the intersection "and eliminate the steps located at both locations."

"The scope of the work will include excavation, new concrete sidewalks and new retaining walls. Asphalt patching will also be required once the new sidewalk is in place," Camelon said.

The anticipated start date for the projects is mid-May for the sidewalks and June 1 for the canopy.

— Jenn Watt

Man fined \$2,500 for illegal deer hunting

An Uxbridge man has been fined \$2,500 for illegal deer hunting.

James Brown pleaded guilty to hunting deer without a licence. In addition to the fine, he received a three-year hunting licence suspension.

Court heard that on Nov. 13, 2016, Brown was hunting north of Wilberforce in Harcourt Township without a deer hunting licence when he shot and killed a deer. The deer was transported back to his camp, where it was later found by conservation officers.

Justice of the Peace Linda Kay heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Minden, on Feb. 2.

For further information on hunting regulations, consult the Ontario Hunting Regulations Summary available at ontario.ca/hunting.

Man fined \$1,000 for dredging shore lands in Haliburton

A landowner has been fined \$1,000 for an offence under the Public Lands Act.

Ottavio Colantonio of Maple pleaded guilty to unlawfully dredging shore lands without a permit.

The court heard that Colantonio was creating a 165-metre long path along the shore of Haliburton Lake. The large rocks cleared from the path were moved into deeper water and also used for stabilizing an eroding bank on the shore of the lake. This work was done without proper approvals from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Justice of the Peace Linda Kay heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Minden, on Feb. 2.

The ministry reminds the public to contact the local ministry office before starting any work on shore lands to find out if a work permit is needed.

To report a natural resources violation, call the MNRF TIPS line at 1-877-847-7667 toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

— Submitted

Municipality supports lottery resolution

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Highlands East has supported a resolution proposed by the Town of Bancroft, asking for the provincial government to allow municipalities to use lotteries as a way to fund infrastructure projects.

The resolution was proposed by the Town of Bancroft in December 2016, in response to the province of Ontario asking local governments to put forward new "revenue tools."

"Municipalities are facing an estimated \$60 billion infrastructure investment gap," reads the resolution. "Many communities nationally and internationally have experienced overwhelming success raising funds for infrastructure needs with local lotteries."

2017 budget passed

Council approved its 2017 budget, which will see a slight tax increase of about 2.4 per cent.

A total of \$5,219,576 is to be raised through municipal taxation, according to chief administrative officer/treasurer Shannon Blanchard's report to council.

The budget includes approximately \$10 million in spending.

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Cash for Care draws first winner of 2017

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation board member and "ticket seller extraordinaire" Greta LaRivier, right, gets set to pull out the winning ticket for the Cash for Care Lottery \$500 early bird draw on Feb. 10 at Haliburton hospital. Haliburton's Bill Gliddon was the lucky winner. Tickets are already 70 per cent sold, with the next draw taking place on March 17. Three final draws for \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$20,000 are on May 26. To purchase tickets call 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580. From left, HHHSF vice-president and chair of the Cash for Care campaign Lisa Tompkins, HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer, HHHSF board director Murray Martin, HHHSF executive director Dale Walker and HHHSF board secretary/treasurer Carol Patrick (behind). ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Dysart nearly ready to pass 2017 budget

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The municipality of Dysart is getting close to approving their 2017 budget following a special meeting of council held on Feb. 9.

Councillors are looking at a 5.87 per cent increase on the levy, which will equate to a residential tax rate of \$261.89 per \$100,000 of assessment, an increase of \$23.71 from 2016.

The commercial rate will be \$388.31 per \$100,000 assessment, an increase of \$21.54 from last year, while the industrial rate will total \$449.95 per \$100,000, an increase of \$24.95 from 2016.

"Tax dollars are now supporting 51 per cent of our expenditures," said municipal treasurer Barbara Swannell.

Taxation dollars equate to close to \$8 million, according to Swannell. Other sources of revenue include grants and payments in-lieu.

Swannell presented councillors with a second draft of the budget, which included an additional \$250,000 in revenues compared to the first draft. The total revenue amount projected for 2017 is \$15,440,126.

This year's budget includes debt repayment of \$527,000. The municipality has secured debt to finance infrastructure and capital costs. The 2017 budget sees some capital projects included that were deferred from 2016.

The draft budget is projecting a reserve balance of nearly \$2.5 million at the end of 2017, according to Swannell.

"The 2017 budget reserves will decrease \$580,000 (net) to fund capital, infrastructure and maintenance projects," the treasurer told councillors.

Reserves have been slowly decreasing since 2014, but remain on par with amounts spanning the past five years.

The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund grant has increased by \$131,500 compared to last year.

The largest portion of the 2017 budget is for transportation services, with nearly \$4.6 million set aside for the department.

Protective services, which includes OPP costs, comes in at nearly \$3.2 million. The OPP billing increased by \$291,000 compared to 2016. The OPP portion now equates to approximately \$2.2 million.

Environmental services and recreation and culture both collect about \$2.6 million of the total budget. Other departments include general government, planning, social services and health services.

Dysart council expects to pass the budget in March.

Work underway on Drag Lake Dams

Major concrete repairs to be done on both north and south dams on Drag Lake should be complete by the fall, Parks Canada says.

In a press release issued last week, the federal entity responsible for the Trent-Severn Waterway said construction access is being built on the south dam that will allow for water management while work is underway.

"Once this access is complete, work will begin on the temporary dam structure – or coffer dam – in front of the north dam. These temporary structures will create a dry workspace enabling the contractor complete access for repairs," the release says.

Work on the dams will pause during February and resume in March.

The rehabilitation includes eventually removing damaged concrete and resurfacing the structures. New guard rails and a raised walkway between the two dams will be added.

Parks Canada said the property around the dams is private and during construction access across will be restricted.

Staff



Work has begun on the rehabilitation of the north and south dams on Drag Lake. First steps include building construction access on the south dam and a coffer dam in front of the north dam. These temporary structures will allow for a dry workspace during the resurfacing of the structures. Photo provided by Parks Canada

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County tax increase circa five per cent

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Staff Reporter

Haliburton County residents are likely looking at a tax rate increase of about five per cent on their upper-tier tax bills this year.

County councillors discussed the 2017 draft budget during a Feb. 3 meeting.

The preliminary budget contained a tax rate increase of 4.98 per cent over last year, a rate that would equate to an increase of \$9.19 per \$100,000 of assessment for residential properties and \$13.63 per \$100,000 of assessment for occupied commercial properties.

The draft budget contains approximately \$21.6 million in spending, \$15.5 million of it to be levied from taxation. The remainder comes mostly from provincial and federal grants, as well as contributions from reserves and user fees and other locally generated revenues.

This year the county undertook a zero-based budgeting approach, "which basically means we look at every line item," treasurer Elaine Taylor explained, staff then deciding whether those line items are necessary or whether some historically budgeted amounts are too high.

This approach resulted in a decrease in the operating costs of some departments.

"This could be the beginning of a better way we look at our budget in the county," said Minden Hills Reeve and County Warden Brent Devolin.

As always, the roads department budget is by far the largest departmental budget at approximately \$6.5 million.

Health services will cost approximately

\$3.2 million and social services approximately \$1.8 million.

General government, which includes everything from administrative salaries to IT services to council to building and miscellaneous expenses, totals about \$2.4 million.

About \$830,000 is budgeted for the Haliburton County Public Library, \$400,000 in the tourism department, approximately \$370,000 for the planning department and about \$110,000 for protective services (this includes bylaw and 911 expenses).

Salaries and benefits will increase by one per cent in 2017, with salaries and benefits comprising 41 per cent of total budgeted expenses.

The county continues to deplete its reserves.

"Suffice to say, our reserves are on a decline," Taylor told councillors. The municipality started 2017 with approximately \$2.2 million in total reserves, reserves which are forecast to be at less than \$1.7 million by the year's end.

Going back to 2011, the county had more than \$4 million in reserves. For years, county council has been drawing upon reserves to help with budgets and mitigate tax increases.

"I know they've got to be used to help, but I don't think we should be getting to a point where you're depleting them completely," Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch said.

Ideally, municipalities should have the equivalent of at least a quarter of a year's total budget in reserves.

Haliburton County is sitting around five or six per cent.

"We have very little debt," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. "Pretty easy

to have 25 per cent when you go out and borrow the way we haven't in the last 10 years."

Fearrey said some neighbouring municipalities owe tens of millions of dollars.

The county does have about \$3.5 million in debt which it borrowed to help with infrastructure projects, the bulk of that scheduled to be paid off within four years.

Devolin pointed out that in the eyes of the province, it is preferable to carry some debt, with indebted municipalities getting the majority of provincial grant money.

"If we don't carry any debt, they don't think we're trying hard enough," he said.

While it won't be a factor in 2017, going forward, it's likely that the county will have to make budget allocations for a paramedicine program.

Paramedicine entails paramedics visiting patients, often high-risk seniors still in their homes, doing checkups and providing basic medical care.

While the county did undertake a paramedicine pilot program a couple of years ago, it had little uptake and did not prove very successful.

However, as councillors learned at the recent ROMA (Rural Ontario Municipal Association) conference, similar programs were apparently very successful in other rural communities.

"Paramedicine, that we tried here, and what I said in these council chambers was a bomb apparently worked well in other parts of Ontario," Devolin said. "It's very early, but we know it's coming."

County chief administrative officer Mike Rutter said the municipality still had the infrastructure used for the program – such as tablet computers, etc. – in place.

"It was a colossal failure here and we

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— Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch

have to address that," Rutter said. "Moving forward, we have to find a way to make it work in Haliburton County."

Councillors looked for ways to trim the budget, including removing \$5,000 it has traditionally given three of the four lower-tier townships on an annual basis to aid with tourism activities.

Minden Hills was historically excluded from that funding as, until late last year, the county operated its tourism information office along Highway 35 in Minden.

"We're taking it from the taxpayers and giving it back to ourselves," Fearrey said of the funding. "It's just stupid."

Councillors seemed to agree the loss of the nominal funding would make little difference to their lower-tier townships.

"It's just a drop in the bucket," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Mofatt. "It's essentially inconsequential to Algonquin Highlands."

Budget deliberations will continue.

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Help create a Community Conversation

JENN WATT

Editor

For four weeks, a group of seniors will be getting together and telling their stories through art as part of the Community Conversations project in Haliburton.

The participants will be painting and drawing, working with pastels and wax, newsprint – you name it – to create squares that will be sewn together into a quilt.

The new venture from Community Support Services aims to offer a different kind of social recreation, but they do need the public's help.

Four volunteers, called studio guides, are needed for a short-term commitment of three hours a week.

"You don't need to be talented in any of this," says CSS volunteer co-ordinator Brigitte Gebauer. "You're just acting as a guide."

There will be a full day of training for volunteers with Visible Voices Open Arts Studio guide Fay Wilkinson from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, March 31.

Wilkinson will be introducing the studio guides to the space and its resources and doing instruction on specific techniques they may not have tried before.

"Perhaps some print making, some fabric collage, incorporating found objects, that type of thing," Wilkinson says. "Then we'll talk about how do we engage the participants when they come. How to bridge conversations into working with this idea of doing different [art] panels."

The project will run in April.

"Each week it will be a guided conversation by our volunteers, our studio guides, to get people reflecting on their lives, their past, present, future, and creating a piece that can go into this quilt that becomes a conversation between themselves and each other," says Nancy Brownsberger, a staff member at Haliburton Highlands Health Services (of which CSS is a part).

Wilkinson says the space will be comfortable, safe and

non-threatening "that concentrates as much on the process of doing this as the end result." In other words, it's not about creating a masterpiece as much as trying new things and expressing yourself through art.

"The end game is to hopefully be able to display the project in installment pieces," Brownsberger says, noting that local galleries are interested in hosting the completed quilt to keep the conversation going.

The volunteer studio guides will be helping to give participants a chance to get together, be part of the community and connect with each other.

For more information about the program, contact Brownsberger at 705-457-

2941 extension 2922 or nbrownsberger@hhhs.ca; to volunteer, contact Gebauer at bgebauer@hhhs.ca or 705 457-1392 extension 2927.

A new initiative for those over 55, called Community Conversations, is in the planning stages. Community Support Services, which is running the groups along with Visible Voices Open Arts Studio in Haliburton, is looking for volunteers to assist. Four are needed. The end product will be a quilt created using the art made by the group.

Photo: Penny Berens "Daily Scratchings"



Libraries could benefit from government contest

JENN WATT

Editor

Funding Internet connectivity at rural libraries could be just a click away.

The Ontario government opened voting online for 13 projects under eight focus areas. Whichever receives the most public support will be included in the 2017 provincial budget.

The province has committed to fund up to eight ideas within a \$3 million framework.

One of the ideas could have an impact on Haliburton County, says local library CEO Bessie Sullivan: a project asking for \$250,000 to fund digital service at rural, northern and indigenous libraries.

"Libraries offer innovative services like wi-fi hotspot lending programs to help people have access to education and library resources at home. Public libraries also provide crucial access to e-resources, e-learning and connectivity to their entire communities, yet many smaller libraries cannot fully support access due to limitations in broadband and bandwidth," the application reads.

Sullivan says that if this project receives funding, it could help Haliburton County Public Library offset costs related to Internet connectivity.

"If we don't have to spend money on connectivity we can put more into other areas where we find ourselves behind," Sullivan said via email.

The Ontario Library Association, of which the local library is a part, made the application and is championing it.

Voting started on Feb. 2 and is open until Thursday, Feb. 23 at midnight. To vote, go to Ontario.ca/Budget-Talks. Each person receives three votes. The library initiative is listed under "invest in community infrastructure projects."

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Let art happen

I'VE NEVER BEEN inclined towards making art. In university, I was required to take two visual arts classes and struggled my way through both of them. Once, we were required to sculpt busts of our own heads out of clay. After looking at my hours-long effort, my instructor eyed me carefully and then my artwork before declaring I hadn't made the nose on my clay likeness big enough. I chucked my project into the dumpster on the way across campus and with it any interest in making art.

Because I'm not artistically disposed, I don't tend to gravitate towards arts and crafts supplies. Aside from a casual knitting habit, I don't really make things. They just don't turn out well when I do. And that's part of the problem, not just for me, but for many art-averse people out there.

Unfortunately, looking at artistic practice as something only "artists" can do limits us. Many a student has left art class with the impression that only those who are "artists" should be picking up a set of watercolour paints or a charcoal pencil. But that means that only those making "good" art can reap the rewards of arts practice.

Studies done in the last decade around mental health and visual arts have found alleviation of depression symptoms, reducing feelings of isolation and helping medical patients find clarity in their emotions, among the benefits. According to a 2009 report by the Society for the Arts in Healthcare, one study measured the cortisol levels in the saliva of those doing a two-hour art making session. Scientists

found "a significant reduction in anxiety" amongst participants.

Art has also been found to improve memory and observational skills, with those actively engaged in making art exhibiting increased brain plasticity, according to an article by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Of course, it's also just fun – and you don't need any studies to know that.

In order to have fun and enjoy the benefits of putting pastel to paper, we need to allow ourselves the freedom of not being "artists" and just be art makers.

Over the past few months, a friend of mine encouraged me to join her in an art journaling workshop at Visible Voices Open Arts Studio in Haliburton. We've worked with acrylic and watercolour paints, cut out images from magazines, glued down tissue paper and doodled our mornings

away. Some people use their journals to explore memories and difficult experiences, others just revel in the studio's wide selection of materials. For me, it feels like Grade 6 art class – back before there were "good artists" and "bad artists" – when we just enjoyed the smells, sights and textures of paint and paper, glue and gouache.

Some in this community still aren't aware of the Visible Voices studio, but with any luck that will soon change. Its pay-what-you-can structure keeps it accessible to anyone and the laid back atmosphere means you don't need to get caught up in whether you're the next Auguste Renoir or Georgia O'Keeffe. You can just let it happen, on the page and in your mind.



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Editorial



Visitor from the sky

by Darren Lum

A day to play

If you want to "like" something this long weekend, forget Facebook. Instead, enjoy a day of play with your family – one that doesn't involve a PlayStation or Xbox.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is encouraging local families to swap screen time for play time this Family Day long weekend (Feb. 18 to 20). Young children need play to learn, grow and be healthy, and that's where unstructured, child-led activities – or "free play" – like running, jumping, dancing and pretending can make a world of difference.

"We know young children are spending more time in front of TV, computer and phone screens," says Catherine MacDonald, a family health nurse with the HKPR District Health Unit. "We need to reverse the trend, so children enjoy the benefits of free play. And what better time to play with your child than the holiday weekend set aside for families!"

Free play allows families to spend quality time together, while also letting children use their imaginations and creativity. Kid-led play is more likely to hold the interest of children, while allowing them to practise their decision-making skills, move at their own pace, pursue their passions and be more independent. Free play is also good for children to learn collaboration and social skills, as well as develop physical skills

and dexterity.

MacDonald says there are many ways families can play together – this long weekend and every day:

- Get outdoors by taking a winter hike, making a snowman, or building a snow fort.
- Make your own musical instruments, and dance or move to the music.
- Play dress up together.
- Play hopscotch around the house, tag or hide-and-seek.
- Set up an obstacle course using couch cushions for your child to navigate.
- Have a ball together by rolling, throwing, kicking, or tossing around different kinds of balls. Parents can also visit the Have a Ball Together website (www.haveaballtogether.ca) for more "play" ideas.

Encourage your children to lead the way and experience fun from their perspective!

Editor's note: There are several excellent ways to play this weekend around the Highlands. From Frost Fest in Haliburton Village to Catch the Cure in Minden, there are plenty of opportunities to connect with your family while enjoying organized activities. See information on pages 11, 19, 20, 22 and 26.

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points of view

Emergency response

IT'S BEEN TWO WEEKS SO I can write about it now. And not just because the time in between has lessened the emotional trauma. Or that I have had time to gain better perspective on the incident either. Actually, it's just because my back and shoulders no longer break into spasms every time I think about it.

The story you are about to hear is true. Names have been changed to protect the innocent.

6:30 a.m.: A man named George (not my real name) is shaken awake by his daughter Carmen (her real name) with the repeated plea of "George (not my real name) can you come help me? Cassidy is stuck in the driveway."

6:32 a.m.: George hurriedly gets dressed and rushes out of his room.

6:33 a.m.: George is delayed after he realizes his shirt is on backwards, which would not have been so remarkable had it not been a button-up shirt.

6:34 a.m.: George looks outside to see Cassidy and Carmen thoughtfully examining the stuck vehicle. He briefly considers hiding in the laundry room.

6:37 a.m.: Carmen utters the historic words: "I would have never thought you could fit in a clothes hamper." We grudgingly leave the laundry room.

6:39 a.m.: At the vehicle, I assess the situation. It is thus. Our driveway has a slight uphill slope leading towards the road, made worse by a slight downhill slope leading directly towards back spasms. Aiding and abetting that downhill slope is ice and my nemesis, gravity.

6:40 a.m.: I shake my fist to the heavens and yell: "Gravity!" Then I slip on the ice.

6:42 a.m.: I note approvingly that Cassidy's car could fit in the trunk of any car made in the 1970s when I was at the height of my car-pushing ability. The car is so small I am somewhat

surprised an untold number of clowns have not yet tumbled out of it. Better still, I size up my daughter Carmen and recall that she played rugby against some opponents who were actually larger than Cassidy's car. With all this in mind, I formulate a plan.

6:43 a.m.: Carmen looks over at me and says: "George (not my real name), you're only pretending to push."

6:44 a.m.: After much cajoling, I begin pushing Cassidy's puny car. My initial groan can be heard as far away as West Guilford.

6:45 to 6:49 a.m.: The good news is we have moved the car four inches. The bad news is in the wrong direction. Of particular concern is the fact that I have moved my clavicle a greater distance.

6:50 a.m.: We have a major breakthrough and move the car two inches uphill: high fives all around.

6:51 to 6:54 a.m.: I cannot convince the girls to end this on a high note. Apparently, Cassidy has need of her car between now and spring.

6:55 to 7:02 a.m.: We make no discernible progress and so decide to shovel more and drop potting soil and kitty litter haphazardly around the tires.

7:03 a.m.: I push into the car so hard that I fear I may need to use the kitty litter.

7:04 a.m.: I consider faking a bout of narcolepsy.

7:05 a.m.: I do what any man would do at a time like this. I get into Cassidy's car and try.

7:06 a.m.: Having not budged it an inch, I formally declare the vehicle faulty.

7:07 a.m.: My neighbour Wendell (not Andy's real name) sees that I have issued the universal sign of distress – sending one of the girls over to ask for help.

7:08 a.m.: Wendell (not Andy's real name) looks at the situation and can't figure out why we can't move this tiny car that is now sitting on mounds of potting soil and cat litter up this slight slope. He then says, "You think we can move this car between the two of us George (not my real name)?"

I nod unconvincingly.

7:09 a.m.: After one attempt, Wendell (not Andy's real name) asks a highly relevant question.

7:10 a.m.: Cassidy releases the emergency brake.

7:11 a.m.: Somewhere in West Guilford, a second groan is heard.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

Haliburton looked much different in 1960. In this photo by Bob and Cathy Haskill of Mississauga, you can see Head Lake Park as a sawmill; the train station; the old arena and GM dealership on Highland Street.

letters to the editor

Congrats to HCSA

To the Editor,

After what has to be one of the busiest snowmobiling weekends of the past few winters I wanted to take the opportunity to congratulate and thank the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) on the outstanding work they have done this winter providing world class groomed trails throughout the county. I am overwhelmed by the efforts the HCSA has made this winter to open, groom and improve trails in the club's extensive, county wide trail system. I have never seen – in my 40 years of riding here in Haliburton – more groomers out on the trails. In fact, the club had the Rail Trail groomed and open in early December and has continued to groom and open more trails every week since. Tourism operators are benefiting from the economic impact from the thousands

of snowmobilers who come here to Haliburton – including the enormous contingent of riders from southern Ontario and the U.S. HCSA trails have been standouts among virtually all of our neighbouring snowmobile regions. Specifically, HCSA trail quality is outstanding this season.

The HCSA is unquestionably the most impactful volunteer managed tourism entity in the county. HCSA trails are among the most significant generators of economic impact – at a time when tourism operators need help. Again, thanks to the HCSA leadership, the grooming team and the volunteers who make snowmobiling in Haliburton county one of our most valuable assets.

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Zion United praises Sick Kids response to ban

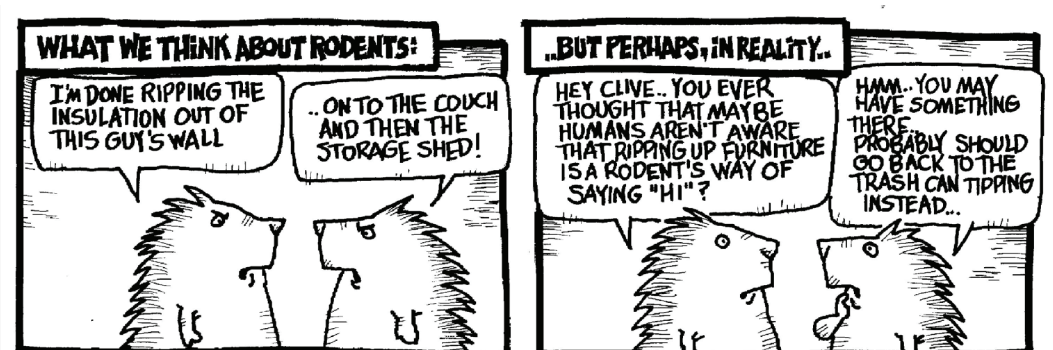
To the Editor,

The congregation at Zion United Church in Carnarvon, at its annual meeting last weekend, was unanimous in its praise of The Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto. Their action made us

proud to be Canadian when they opened their arms to the children who were banned entry into the United States for life saving surgery.

Rev. Max Ward

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A Valentine's Day orchid?

WITH VALENTINE'S DAY fast approaching, thoughts turn to the choice of appropriate gifts for loved ones. Of course, the most popular choice is roses (deep red for love, pink for admiration and yellow for friendship) followed closely by other cut flower bouquets. As I was musing about other options that might last just a bit longer and not require cleaning a smelly vase, I spied an orchid just coming into flower on the kitchen window-sill.

Garden



Belinda Gallagher

Musings

In August of 2001, Susan Salisbury reported on the *National Geographic* news site that the whole-sale orchid trade topped \$100 million and that the plant was second

only to the poinsettia in sales of potted flowering plants in the United States. Today, 16 years later, orchids crowd the shelves of garden centres, big-box stores and grocery outlets alike and represent 10 per cent of the global cut flower trade.

Orchids comprise the largest family in the plant kingdom with some 18,000 to 20,000 species in the wild. They are also very old plants. According to the fossil evidence, orchids have existed on the planet around 100 million years, evolving with the dinosaurs. But despite



This mini orchid makes an elegant gift.

the age and size of the family, the only widespread economic use other than the floral industry is that of vanilla flavouring. Vanilla beans are the cured, unripe fruits of *Vanilla planiflora*, an orchid that is primarily raised on the islands of

Madagascar and nearby Comoros and Reunion off the east coast of Mozambique.

While orchids can be found in nearly all conditions and in most parts of the world, they are absent from punishing arid deserts and coldest mountaintops. The majority of species are native to temperate and tropical climates, spending their lives in humid lowland forests. They gather nutrients from the decaying vegetation and are able to store both food and water for drier seasons. Most prefer shade and some, like our Haliburton County lady slippers, will retreat underground shortly after flowering.

The Kew Gardens website notes that all wild orchids are listed on Appendix I or II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), which makes it an offence to trade species between countries without a permit. Fortunately, newer propagation methods such as tissue culture

have made cultivated orchids common and hence, a great Valentine's Day gift.

Long considered fragile or delicate beauties, the flowers are actually quite hardy – some individual blooms lasting six weeks or more with plants producing new flowers for up to a month or two. The breeding work of the last two decades has created plants adaptable to the drier conditions of our Canadian households and the somewhat erratic care provided by busy owners.

Of all orchids purchased, the most popular is the *Phalaenopsis*, or moth orchid. Named from the Greek *phalaina* (meaning "moth") and *opsis* (meaning "appearance"), this lovely plant is a tropical tree or rock dwelling orchid, adhering to surfaces by means of long aerial roots. Native in Southeast Asia from the Philippines to northern Australia, this is no ordinary plant.

The late James Underwood Crockett of public television fame, said of the moth orchid, "What a beautiful flower this is, so uncluttered, so graceful and simple that it makes many other flowers seem gaudy by comparison." What he described as uncluttered and simple is quite remarkable.

Flower stems rise up in arching sprays from a basal clump of a few wide leathery leaves. The bilateral symmetrical form of the flower creates part of the beauty. It is called zygomorphism and is also a trait of the snapdragon the sweet pea and the human. If you draw a line down the middle, it will divide into two identical halves and this is something that we humans consider pleasing.

In the last few years, Just Add Ice orchids have really hit the market. Available in many colours and in various pot sizes and colours, these plants are practically people proof. The instructions to "just add a cube of ice" once a week baffles my friend Kim at Country Rose in Haliburton. Both she and I think warm water is better for a tropical plant, but the instruction works and prevents overwatering of the plants.

Add a location in your home with bright light – not direct sun – out of winter drafts and you can enjoy a Valentine's Day gift that is way, way easier than keeping roses. (But I'll accept roses, too!)

NOTE: An excellent orchid care booklet can be downloaded from the Just Add Ice site www.justaddiceorchids.com/resources



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La Luna Del Nordo shines on Haliburton

JERELYN CRADEN

Special to the Echo

Haliburton Italian food lovers are in for a treat.

Just in time for Valentine's Day, La Luna Del Nordo Ristorante (The North Moon), is now open on Highway 118 just a few kilometres west of Haliburton Village, with 30 year veteran chef, Silvio Mannarino, and wife, Anna, serving up traditional Italian fare with flare.

Cooking from the age of 13, Mannarino became a sought after chef at Da Vinci Ristorante and Four Seasons Hotel, Montreal, and the Four Seasons and Royal York hotels in Toronto, as well as supplier and co-creator of custom blended recipes for top restaurants, leading supermarkets, food manufacturers and distributors.

"We always wanted our own restaurant, and we wanted to get out of the GTA," said Silvio. "When the opportunity came to purchase Maple Moon ... that was it. We love Haliburton's beauty, quiet, and cottage country charm. Now, with the winery and our own maple syrup products, our customers can enjoy wine pairings with their meals and our own unique signature dishes."

From grab-and-go breakfasts including egg frittata, sweet potato hash browns, and Italian sausage to lunch and dinner pastas, parmigiana, steak and cheese,

sausage, meatball and veggie sandwiches (served in fresh baked panini bread), lasagna and wood-fired thin crust pizza, plus daily features, homemade Italian desserts including cannoli, custard-filled confectionary peaches and crepes, espresso, coffees, and wine pairings – the Mannarinos are ready to welcome the community in style.

"We're fully integrating Moon Shad-ows Estate Winery, Maple Moon Sugar Shack, and La Luna Del Nordo Ristorante," Anna said.

With 1,800 maple taps on the property's 31 acres, the couple will continue to produce and sell maple wine and syrup products, as well as use them in various recipes such as sweet fruit crepes, "smothered with hazel nut chocolate or raspberry sauce."

Looking around the colourful 30-seat dining area, it is easy to see that the Mannarinos do not skimp on quality.

"We imported the wood-fired pizza oven from Naples, Italy," Silvio said, "for two reasons. Our pizza cooks on stone, so no soot or ashes get on the pizza. It's healthier. The other reason: The pizza is far more flavourful cooked in a wood-fired oven."

"Food is such a big part of Italian life," said Anna, the ristorante's charismatic host. "Sharing good food, good music, good wine and good conversation with family and friends. It's that warm, engaging feeling that we want our customers to experience and enjoy."

Silvio added: "We love good music

... Pavarotti, the Three Tenors, Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra. And customers can enjoy hearing them sing during their meal. We'll even show Pavarotti and Tony Bennett in concert on the flat screen."

In demand before La Luna Del Nordo even opened, the Mannarinos catered Walker's Home Hardware's Christmas party to rave reviews.

"We also have several weddings booked for next summer," Anna said. "We customize menus per customers' requests."

"We may even cater a gluten-free wedding," Silvio said with a smile. "I love a good challenge."

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La Luna Del Nordo Ristorante's host, Anna, and chef Silvio Mannarino opened their new Italian restaurant on Hwy 118 this week. Photo by Jerelyn Craden

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Elli Armstrong, left, stretches out her arm as yoga instructor Anne-Marie Borthwick leads the Yoga Fundraiser for Nordic Trail Association session on Feb. 8 at the Blue Sky Yoga Studio in Haliburton. All proceeds from the by-donation sessions, which will continue weekly on Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. until March 8, will go to the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trail and Ski Club Association. Borthwick is an association member and serves on its board. The space was donated by building owner Katie Hammerschmidt. For more information email amb6655@gmail.com. /DARREN LUM Staff



Yoga instructor Anne-Marie Borthwick holds a stretch during her Yoga Fundraiser for Nordic Trail Association session on Feb. 8 at the Blue Sky Yoga Studio in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

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WES Wolves readying for battle

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

A love is developed between ardent readers and the literature they consume.

At Wilberforce Elementary School, four students will use their passion for reading to work as a team at the upcoming Battle of the Books, a Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) competition that promotes reading.

The battle is a head-to-head format of two teams of four from different schools. Questions will test the students' knowledge of the book related to the characters, plot and other details.

Named the #purplesmileface team, Wilberforce's foursome consists of Grade 8s Tianna Huiser, Sydney Little and Chelsea Flynn and Grade 7 student Nikita Watson. They have been busy reading the young adult novels on the list: *Boy on the Wooden Box*, *Home of the Brave*, *The Honest Truth*, *Iqbal*, *Beneath*, *Pendragon*, *Lost in the Sun*, *The Red Pencil*, *The Marvels* and *Wolf Brother*.

The team hopes to advance from the TLDSB Battle on March 29 at Central Senior School in Lindsay to the TLDSB finals on April 5 at the Rene M. Caisse Memorial Theatre in Bracebridge.

Tianna, who is the veteran of the team, with two seasons (one with WES) of competition under her belt, loves reading for the rich detail.

"For example, when you watch *Harry Potter* you don't know what is going on in Harry's head, but it describes everything that he is feeling," she said.

She said the books on the list include fiction and non-fiction, but primarily focus on young protagonists, similar in age, who are facing challenges such as cancer and persecution.

The members with previous experience, Tianna, Nikita and Sydney, will be learning from past mistakes such as buzzing in for the answer before the entire question is asked.

Each team is responsible for knowing details about all



The Wilberforce Elementary School intermediate Battle of the Books team is from left, Chelsea Flynn, Tianna Huiser, Sydney Little and Nikita Watson. They are preparing to represent the school and the community when they compete at Trillium Lakelands District School Board south battle March 29 at Central Senior School in Lindsay. DARREN LUM Staff

10 books. How each team does that is up to its members and advisor. At the south area competition, the question will be posed as a quote and teams will have to identify the book from the quote.

Tianna said Chelsea decided to divide up the books so each of them could be an expert for certain books. Each member has a responsibility and will trust in one another.

Chelsea, a voracious reader, averaging two books a day, said reading for this competition has broadened her perspective, particularly after she and Sydney re-read one of the books.

Two years ago, Sydney competed in her first Battle of the Books.

Despite coming from a small school, the four didn't know each other that well, but have grown closer and learned more about each other during this process. They

also have a clearer understanding of the kinds of books each of them is interested in.

If the team is successful at the south area battle in Lindsay and moves on to the finals, then they will know what to expect, as Tianna earned a berth as a junior years before. She remembers making the final round with her school at the time, Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

"It was intense. You go up on to the stage. The lights are dimmed. All eyes are on you. It's table against table and you have to buzz in and say it out in front of a huge audience in Bracebridge. It's very intimidating," she said.

That was her first competition. It caught her off guard because the round before at the south area competition there were just a handful of people watching.

Without a second team, the foursome will practise by breaking into two teams of two and go through mock competitions, which will include signalling for attention and answering questions similar to what might be asked.

As long as the two junior teams have fulfilled their reading obligation of 10 books, WES will host a sudden-death format competition to decide the second team that competes at the south area event on March 29. There will be 60 questions asked, six questions per book for the junior competition. WES will send an intermediate team and hopes to send a junior team.

Faculty advisors Scott Schelter and Laurie Bowker are as excited as their students. Schelter has made efforts to keep the team members motivated, provided a reading space at recess and maintained the students' excitement for the books with activities and discussion.

There are many benefits to this competition to encourage reading, he said.

"Reading is an excellent way to promote literacy. We're required to teach literacy. It's a core skill to be successful in life. So encouraging reading in any way to get them reading more gets them thinking about the book," he said.

The assigned books listed include one on the Holocaust, a topic that wouldn't necessarily be a first choice for young readers.

"They're presenting themes that maybe they wouldn't otherwise run into. The Holocaust is well-known, but it's not something that Grade 7s and 8s would run into in their daily life usually," he said.

There may be residual benefits for other students at the school, he adds.

"When their classmates that aren't participating see the four of them on the team [get] the opportunities that are given to them because they'll be able to travel to another school to do their competition ... hopefully it entices more people that might not be otherwise inclined to lean towards reading for fun," he said.

Schelter sees this competition as an opportunity for his students to experience the team dynamic. WES has few school teams due to the small population. This group is seeing the value of cohesion and teamwork with this experience, as reading is distributed according to interest and abilities instead of everyone reading all the listed books.

"They're really seeing the value of co-ordinating their own efforts to make sure that as many of them as possible covered all that material. It really does promote them talking with each other and metacognition, reflecting on what it will take to be successful and to plan a strategy," he said.

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sports

Hawks rink advances to Gore provincial final

The Red Hawks curling program is showing their quality this season after strong results at the Gore Mutual Provincial Curling Championship Regional Playdowns from Feb. 4 to 5 in Peterborough.

There were two Haliburton Highlands Secondary School girls' curling teams that qualified for the event. They earned their trip by advancing from the double-knock-out zone qualifier several weeks before.

Coach Alexis David said both teams played amazingly at the Ontario School Curling Championships in Peterborough.

Casper's rink, consisting of skip Alanna Casper, Emily Parish, Ania Smolen and Emma Casey, lost their first game, knocking them into the B division where they won their next two games. In the semi-finals, it was a close game, but the girls fell a little short, ultimately being eliminated from the championships.

Team Byers, consisting of Jessica Byers, Mackenzie Tidey, Destiny Wilson-Wells and Lena Haase, made it to the A-side finals, where they lost after a close game. The loss relegated them to the B-side where they won the finals and qualified for provincial finals. They will be heading to Perth to compete from Feb 15 to 19 at the Perth Curling Club. This competition will feature the best eight boys' teams and eight girls' teams from across the province. They will battle for the right to hoist the Gore Trophy and the Gore Bowls in victory.

While they are at provincial finals, Casper's rink will be representing HHSS at Kawarthas on Wednesday, Feb 15 in Omemee. Hugh Nichol coached Byers' rink to their victory and will be accompanying them to provincials. David will be taking Casper's team to Kawarthas.

"We are thrilled with both teams' success but especially impressed that the qualifying team is made up of all Grade 9 students. The girls are thrilled to have made it this far in their first year of Gore play," David said.

Submitted by Alexis David with files from Darren Lum



Coach Hugh Nichol stands with the Red Hawks curling team of Destiny Wilson-Wells, left, Lena Haase, Jessica Byers and Mackenzie Tidey, who had reason to smile after earning a spot, winning the B final of the Gore Mutual Provincial Curling Championship Regional Playdowns on Feb. 5 in Peterborough. Team Byers' rink has advanced to the School Girls Gore Provincial finals and will compete from Feb. 15 to 19 at the Perth Curling Club in Perth. This team curls out of the Haliburton Curling Club. Submitted by Alexis David.

Teams from across Ontario compete in Todd's bonspiel

There were 96 curlers on 24 teams from eight visiting curling clubs who came together with members of the Haliburton club to participate in the annual Todd's Independent Mixed Bonspiel from Feb. 3 to 5. Clubs being represented were Oshawa, York Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Dixie, Milton, Tam Heather, Thornhill, Hamilton Victoria and Haliburton.

Members of the curling teams and spectators had an enjoyable weekend of curling, fellowship, fun and food. Many thanks to sponsors Todd's Independent; Phyllis Woodcock, a lifetime member of the club; Superior Propane; Minden Subaru; and Re/Max North Country Realty Inc.

The final game of the A event was very exciting to watch. The team from York skipped by Darrell Cain, vice, Sharon Cain, second, Frank Coschi, and lead, Helen Baker/Nancy Coschi took the trophy. Runners up were from Hamilton Victoria skipped by John Smillie (who was an active member of the Haliburton club), vice, Cheryl Smillie, second, Henry Lenarduzzi and lead, Pauline Lenarduzzi.

Another great game was between Haliburton and Bradford for the B event trophy. The team skipped by Lynn Williamson, vice, Roberta Lauzon second, Stephane Lauzon and lead, Maria Williamson took home the trophy. Runners up were the Haliburton team of Mitch Stephen, skip, Wanda Ruddy Stephen, vice, Bruce Griffith, second and lead, Eva Griffith.

Winning team of the C event was a team from Oshawa skipped by Derek Ferlatte, vice, Kristy Seminsky, second, Mike Millar, and lead, Stephanie Ferlatte. Runners up were also from Oshawa Curling Club skipped by Geoff Campbell, vice, Janette Bulpit, second, Henry Cornelissen and lead, Pauline Cornelissen.

Winning team of the D event was skipped by Jeff Barry, vice, Tracy Barry, second Steve Ball and lead, Heather Ball from the Oshawa curling club. Runner up was a team from the York club in Newmarket skipped by Rob Sommerville, vice, Maureen Campbell, second, Bob Campbell and, lead, Deb Sommerville.

Bonspiel convenor, Mary Hillaby and her team of Bob Johnston, Sue Mason, Wendy Hewson and April Martin thanks and recognizes the event's sponsors. Local businesses and individuals graciously contributed items. We thank them for their generous donations. Efforts from amazing kitchen helpers and many members of the Day



There were 96 curlers at the Todd's Independent Invitational Mixed Bonspiel from Feb. 3 to 5 at the Haliburton Curling Club. The winners of the B Event sponsored by Phyllis Woodcock and Superior Propane were the Bradford Curling Club. From left, Maria Williamson, Lynn Williamson (skip), Roberta Lauzon and Stephane Lauzon. Haliburton's only team to play in a final on the weekend was Mitch Stephen's rink of Bruce Griffith, Eva Griffith and Wanda Ruddy Stephen. Photo submitted by Mary Hillaby.

Ladies league who baked goods and made sandwiches helped contribute to the spiel's success.

All teams commented on the terrific ice surface that was maintained by ice technician John Watson and his team of Ron Draper and Mitch Stephen.

Congratulations to everyone and many teams said they would be back next year!

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minor hockey

Peewees sweep series, head to semi-finals

On Friday, Feb. 10, the JoAnne Sharp-ley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre peewees headed to Ennismore to play in their first playoff game. Both teams came out wanting to set the tone early. The first period was a battle back and forth with the Eagles scoring with three seconds left in the first to put them ahead 1-0. The Storm struck in the second with Kolby McGovern scoring assisted by Nick Phippen and Kyan Hall. Then two minutes later the Storm put in another from Dylan Keefer assisted by Colin Glecoff and before Ennismore could regroup the Storm took advantage with another goal scored by Olivia Villamere assisted by Mathias Lee. The Eagles came right back eight seconds later to put one of their own in but the Storm finished out the second with one more goal scored by Keefer unassisted to put the Storm up 4-2 going into the third. The Eagles scored at the start of the third to bring them within one but the Storm netted another with Keefer scoring short handed and Ty Mills scoring an empty netter to seal the deal with the Storm winning 6-3. Another amazing job between the pipes from Darian Maddock.

The Eagles headed to Haliburton for Game 2 on Saturday. The Storm struck first with a goal by Keefer unassisted. Despite the Storm playing short handed multiple times the Storm retained the 1-0 lead going into the second in main part from the excellent goaltending from Maddock. The Eagles managed to score a power play goal to tie it up but the Storm

scored two in the second short handed 20 seconds apart. Both goals scored by Keefer; the first unassisted and the second assisted by Villamere. The Eagles scored another at the end of the second to make the score 3-2 going into the third. Both team battled back and forth but the Storm struck eight seconds into the power play with a goal by Hall assisted by Keefer. The Eagles tried everything they could but just couldn't net another with the Storm taking the game 4-2. Amazing goaltending by Maddock keeping his team in the game at all times.

On Sunday, the Storm headed back to Ennismore to play the Eagles to try to finish off the series with a sweep. The Eagles scored first on the power play but the Storm kept the pressure up and scored a power play goal of their own with Phippen putting it in assisted by Keefer and Hall. The Storm weren't done yet with Keefer scoring assisted by McGovern. Then on the power play the Storm struck once more with a goal by Hall assisted by Phippen putting the Storm up 3-1 going into the second. The Storm put in another power play goal scored by Hall assisted by Phippen and Mills. Then Gage Hutchinson scored another for the Storm assisted by McGovern the third period started with the Storm up 5-1. The Eagles were giving everything they had but the Storm were not giving them an inch. The Storm scored three more with a goal by Glecoff assisted by Phippen and Keefer and two more for Keefer one unassisted and the other assisted by Glecoff. The Storm sweep the series and move on to the semi finals versus the Penetang Flames. The peewees want to dedicate their series win to Hunter Winder and Gage Hutchinson who were both hurt in

this series. Wishing you both a speedy recovery! Congratulations peewees!

Submitted by Ron Hall

Hard work pays off for novice Storm

On Thursday, Feb. 9, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team travelled to Fennelon Falls to face the Sturgeon Thunder in Game 2 of their playoff series. The Storm came out strong with fast skating and strong puck control, but unfortunately found themselves down by two goals late in the second period. With minutes remaining in the period, Caleb Manning got the Storm on the board and brought the team back to life for the third period. Solid defence and strong offensive pressure kept the Storm on the attack and Brechin Johnston netted two more goals late in the third giving the Storm a 3-2 win over the Thunder. Way to go, Storm, on a great team win! This put the team up 2-0 in the series.

Looking to finish of their series with the Sturgeon Thunder, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team hosted the Thunder on Sunday, Feb. 12. The Storm struck first in the early minutes of the game when McLean Rowden found the net putting the Storm up by one. The Thunder were not going to rollover and they too found the net tying the game at one. The Storm continued to apply strong pressure on both sides of the puck, resulting in a couple more goals for the Storm. The Thunder took advantage of some rebound opportunities and netted themselves a pair of goals, tying the game at three heading into the third period. The Storm were relentless in their puck control and forechecking stifling the scoring opportunities of the Thunder and opening the door for the Storm. With some hard fought puck battles, the Storm netted two goals in the third resulting in a 5-3 win for the Storm. Goals were scored by Brechin Johnston, Austin Latanville, and Josh Scheffee. Way to go team on an amazing playoff series. Excellent defence by Brady Burtch, Evan Jones, Caleb Man-

ning and Parker Simms and superb goaltending by Chase Winder sealed the deal. Congratulations to all players on another team win and for advancing to the semi-final round of the playoffs. Your hard work is paying off! The Storm will have to wait for their next match up to be announced. Thank you to our loyal fans for all your support.

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

Midget B girls shut out Eagles

The Bancroft I.D.A./Red Eagle Family Campground midget B girls hosted the Ennismore Eagles on Saturday afternoon as they continued their provincial play downs. The Jets opened the scoring late in the first period when Jordan Brown-lee chipped home a rebound off a puck scramble in the slot to give Bancroft a 1-0 lead. Numerous chances to widen the gap on the scoreboard were generated by Bancroft but the Eagle tender stoned and stole all the Jets' attempts at finding the twine. The Jets could not build on their first period lead until late in the third period when Jamie Little potted another rebound tally off a goal-mouth scramble to give Bancroft a 2-0 lead. Katie Hoover turned aside all Ennismore chances securing the shutout win. Strong finish, girls, in the needed win! Look to build on this effort as we host the West Northumberland Wild in Bancroft on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Tough game for atoms

On Feb. 11, The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atom travelled to Wasaga Beach for the third game of the playoffs against the Wasaga Beach Stars. The Storm played hard but lost 10-4. Goals scored by Austin Boylan Aiden Perrott and Avery Degreer.

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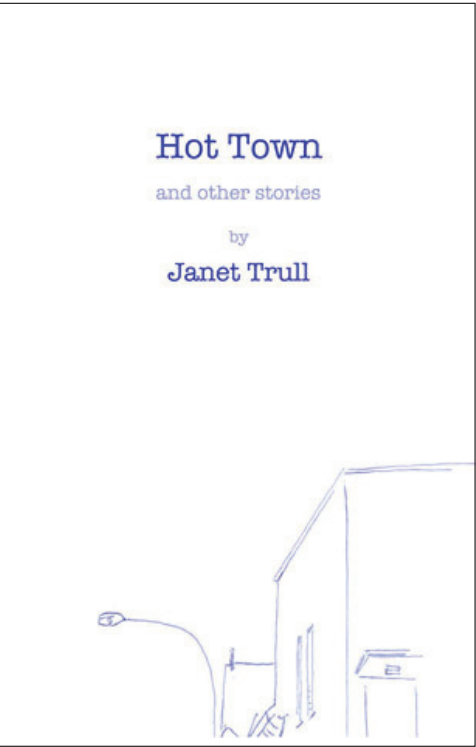
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DeBruin scratches from Yukon Quest

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Early Monday morning at 3:50 a.m. Alaska time, Haliburton's Hank DeBruin pulled his team from the 2017 Yukon Quest in Eagle, Alaska.

The official Yukon Quest website said on Monday, Feb. 13, DeBruin "scratched from the race in Eagle, Alaska. His decision was made for the well-being of his team."

The Yukon Quest is an epic 1,000 mile (1,600 kilometre) international sled dog race from Whitehorse, Yukon to Fairbanks, Alaska. It started on Feb. 4.

Among mushers like Hank, it is considered among the toughest dogsled races in the world.

This year's installment has had six

mushers, five veteran mushers and one rookie musher, scratch. Racers experienced cold and damp temperatures, as low as negative 40 Celsius.

The 54-year-old, who runs the Winterdance Dogsled Tours with his wife Tanya McCready-DeBruin and his family, completed 936 kilometres of the 1,600 distance before he scratched with eight dogs. He was at the back of the field.

His support crew for the race was his wife Tanya, his son Logan and brother-in-law Ward McCready.

The official website said this race is based on the historical Gold Rush and mail delivery dogsled routes from the turn of the 20th century.

From the Winterdance Facebook page, a post written by Tanya on Sunday pointed out Hank's devotion to his dog team, his concern for others and alluded to pressures facing DeBruin the day before the

decision to scratch.

"We are always proud of the dogs – all of us. But today I am especially proud of my husband. He has been bashed pretty thoroughly on social media for leaving Dawson/for the speed the team is travelling/for not caring for his dogs/for not caring about the volunteers in the checkpoints etc. Some of it by mushers we called friends. He considered all this before deciding to leave. It would have been way easier to say I'm done in Dawson – it isn't fun leaving at the back and knowing there is not another team anywhere around. But quitting because it is the easiest thing to do is not the correct solution either when organizers are supportive and the dogs are doing fine," she wrote. "I have never met a musher who loves their dogs more than Hank and only a select few who love them as much or is as committed to them as he is. That

is why I never worry about our dogs on the trail with him; he will do everything in his power for them. I worry about him as sometimes he focuses on the dogs so much he doesn't focus enough on himself. The race has not gone as planned for several reasons some outside our control/some not and we have talked about what changes we can make to correct them."

Tanya concludes her post, expressing her unwavering belief in their dogs and her husband.

"Regardless though of where this race ends I know my husband and our dogs will have given it their absolute best – my husband knows no other option – and our family will be proud of him and support whatever decision he makes with our heads held high," she said.

Red Hawks basketball program in full playoff mode

Congratulations to the senior boys' basketball team on an impressive 61-39 victory over St. Thomas Aquinas in Haliburton on Thursday, Feb. 9.

The boys fired on all cylinders in the first quarter, jumping out to a 23-2 lead on the strength of McKay Conybeare's four three-pointers. McKay finished the game with 19 points. Sage Christiano had his best game of the season, notching a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds. Kyle Cooper and Sam Longo chipped in with eight points each. The win secured second place in Kawartha West league play and a first seed in Single A playoffs. The seniors will play Campbellford at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Peterborough. If the Hawks win they will host the winner between Port Hope and St. Thomas for the Kawartha A Championship at HHSS on Thursday at 1 p.m. Both finalists advance to COSSA. Seeding will be determined. COSSA is on Feb. 23 in Quinte.

Jr ballers follow elders

The junior boys' basketball team beat St. Thomas 39-26 on Thursday, Feb. 9, earning a bye for the first round of playoffs. Kade Bain played his best game of the year, scoring 19 points.

The Hawks await the winner between Brock and Campbellford and will play here at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16. If they win they will play the winner of either St. Thomas, Norwood or Port Hope later that day at 2:30 for the Kawartha A Championship. Both teams advance, but will battle for COSSA seeding.

Top spot for junior girls' volleyball

Congratulations to the junior girls' volleyball team who qualified for next week's Kawartha tournament by finishing first overall.

Hawks soar, heading into stretch

The Red Hawks hockey team defeated Thomas A. Stewart 7-4 and Cobourg Collegiate 6-0 last week on Thursday, Feb. 9. Great effort, team! The team, which is in a three-way tie for third in the Kawartha Boys High School Hockey League, will play Crestwood on Tuesday, Feb. 14 in Peterborough. They will play Campbellford on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. to make up for Feb. 8 home game cancelled for a snow day. Playoffs technically start this Thursday, Feb. 16 when the eighth and ninth place league teams battle. The first to eight place teams will play the opening round of best of three playoff series from Feb. 21 to 28. HHSS will host (team to be decided) on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 3:30 p.m. The final four advance to Kawartha "on or around March at the top rated team." COSSA is March 6.

Submitted by Judi Paul with files from Darren Lum

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Events



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"Spring is our busiest time of the year as there are so many orphaned animals in need of our care. We find ourselves working long hours just to keep up with their demanding schedule. There never seems to be enough hours in the day. Keeping them well fed, clean and healthy is a full time job with one litter of babies...now multiply that by 20 or more," says Monika Melichar, founder of WWS and chief volunteer. On top of that, volunteers are needed to help with rescues, to transport animals, property maintenance and building of new enclosures, and of course with fundraising and acquiring donations. It takes a village to save our wildlife, and the sanctuary is looking for dedicated, enthusiastic and compassionate people to help make 2017 another successful year.

As a 100 per cent volunteer-based charity that is not funded by the government or any of its agencies, WWS relies on the kind support of compassionate people to meet its needs of providing foods, medical attention and proper enclosures for the vast number of species that are admitted each year. If you can donate one day a week to come out and help, or if you have a service or business that can help make a difference, let them know.

WWS is holding a volunteer meet and greet on March 25. More information is posted on their website. Coming up on Saturday, March 4 is the sanctuary's main fundraising event, Go Wild 4 Wildlife. Held at the Pinestone Resort in conjunction with the 15th annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby, it will be an evening you don't want to miss.

"We have a great night planned, with a lovely buffet dinner, music by Carl Dixon and Jeff Moulton, and an incredible silent auction. We hope to raise funds to help us care for the wild ones and also to begin construction on a large Raptor Flight enclosure for our rehabilitating birds of prey. Providing a safe and spacious area for hawks and owls to exercise and strengthen their muscles prior to release is very important, especially if they are recovering from a lengthy injury," says Melichar. Tickets for Go Wild 4 Wildlife are selling fast at \$45 pp and available for purchase through their website, or can be reserved ahead of time for pick up at the door. Go to www.woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca and find out how you can help Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary save orphaned and injured wildlife, now and for generations to come.

*Submitted by Monika Melichar
Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary*

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Business and community awards nominees released

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has announced the list of those nominated for its annual Business and Community Achievement Awards. The winners will be announced at the awards gala in March.

Business Achievement

- Cottage Care Rentals & Property Management
- Jeff & Andrea Strano, Sales Representatives, RE/MAX North Country Realty Inc. Brokerage
- Minden Subaru
- Parker Pad & Printing
- Rhubarb Restaurant
- The Pump Shop
- WAI Products Ltd.

Customer First – Business

- Blair Sand and Gravel
- Clothes Encounters of the Thrift Kind
- Cottage Care Rentals & Property Management
- Eco-Choice Pest Control
- Haliburton Chiropractic and Massage Therapy
- Haliburton Highland Pharmacy
- Haliburton Lumber
- Haliburton Vision Care Centre
- Hyland Taxi
- Ideal Supply
- Jeff & Andrea Strano, Sales Representatives, RE/MAX North Country Realty Inc. Brokerage
- Maple Avenue Tap & Grill
- Smolen Dentistry
- Sonya's Unisex Hairstyling
- The Highlander Newspaper
- TD Canada Trust Minden
- V&S Department Store Haliburton
- West Guilford Shopping Centre
- Wintergreen Maple Products & Pancake Barn

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Brandi Hewson – WAI Products Ltd.
- Linda Middleton – Crystal Image Studio
- Mike McFadden – McFadden's Meat Market
- Mike Toye – Toye Tree Removal
- Tammy Donaldson – South Algonquin Trails

Highlander of the Year

- Don Bamford
- Janis Parker
- Kim Emmerson
- Laurie Jones
- Max Ward
- Sean Pennylegion

Innovation & Creativity

- Bridging Dimensions
- Cottage Care Rentals & Property Management
- Crystal Image Studio
- Haliburton Highlands Brewing
- The Haliburton Real Estate Team
- Living Libations
- Positive Media
- The Highlander Newspaper

New Business

- Castle Antiques
- H2O Irrigation & Landscape Lighting
- Hi Top Marine Services
- Highland Dog Grooming
- Highland Glass & Windows
- MX Metal

Not-for-Profit of the Year

- Algonquin Gateway Business Association
- Central Food Network

- Community Living
- Haliburton County Red Wolves – Special Olympics
- Haliburton Curling Club
- Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trail Association
- Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee
- Lakeside Church

Skilled Trades & Industry

- Chaulk Woodworking
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- Dyson Alarm Tech Systems
- Harcourt Park Marina
- Minden Electric
- Minden Subaru

Tourism & Hospitality

- Bonnie View Inn
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- Tamarack Lodge Cottage Resort & Art Centre

Customer First – Employee (Recognition category)

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- Bob Bullock – Curry Motors
- Cheryl Downs – Haliburton RPM
- Janice Dahms – Sir Sams Inn & Water Spa
- Kylie Clark – Boshkung Brewing Co.
- Lacey Piper – Wilberforce Service Centre
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Hospital to get new heart monitor



Cathy Hall, a student nurse at U. of T., keeps an eye on the electrocardiogram readout from a portable heart monitor at Haliburton Hospital. The machines will be replaced by a newer system soon.

Centralized system will cost \$20,000

Patients at Haliburton Red Cross Hospital will soon benefit from a new heart monitoring system that will enable nurses to keep a closer watch on cardiac function.

The system, which will consist of a sending unit on the wall above a patient's bed and a receiving unit at the nursing station, is expected to cost about \$20,000, and could be in place by September.

Funding for the new system has come from a \$10,000 bequest and an \$8,000 grant from the municipality of Dysart et al. Balance of the money is expected to come from hospital auxiliary projects and from private donations.

Marlene Bennett, nurse administrator at the hospital, says the centralizing monitoring equipment "is something we've been thinking about for a long time."

The hospital currently has two portable cardiac monitors, one 12 years old, the other five years old. Since the average expected working life of the devices is five years, the older machine "has been living on borrowed time for quite a while" Bennett says.

At present, the hospital's monitors are hooked directly to leads and cannot be moved more than a few feet away, "so the only way you can really see what's going on is when you're right with the patient" Bennett says. With the new system, nurses will be able to monitor patients almost constantly without having to walk up and down the halls to check readouts.

Two beds will be set aside specifically for patients needing cardiac monitoring. Remote sensors will be installed above the beds, and a receiving unit will be

located at the nursing station.

At present only two remote sensors will be purchased, but since the receiving unit can handle signals from four sensors simultaneously, the system can be expanded if the need arises.

Bennett says the upgraded monitoring system "is pretty important to us because 80 per cent of our patients have cardiovascular disease of some type," although not all those patients need monitoring.

The newest of the present monitors will be placed in the emergency room, while the 12 year old machine will serve as a standby unit.

Anyone who wants to donate money to help acquire the new system should contact the hospital or a member of the auxiliary. Donations are tax deductible, and receipts will be issued.

Inside the Echo



Tension builds in mens league

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The calm before the strain

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Minden area businesses form new association

A group of Minden area business operators has formed an association to promote tourism. And according to the organization's president, John Bathe, interest in its aims is growing.

In a telephone interview Tuesday, Bathe said the Minden Area Tourist Association (MATA), has had "three to four meetings", and that "there has been quite a lot of interest shown by business people in the area."

The new association plans to work closely with the Chamber of Commerce on tourism promotion and

map out a strategy. Bathe says the Chamber is "quite pleased that business people of the area have taken such an interest" in tourism promotion.

"Mostly what the business people are trying to accomplish is to get Minden and area known to people down south" Bathe says, adding that the association is willing to contribute money as well as time and ideas to accomplish that aim.

Three of the groups' directors were meeting with MPP John Eakins Tuesday to learn if government assistance may be available for promotion and development. They also hope to talk with MP Bill Scott about federal programs.

Although the association "is only just getting off the ground," Bathe is enthusiastic about the role it can play, and he hopes that it will continue to beyond Minden and area to the county as a whole.

"Hopefully it will expand to the point where it will become the Haliburton Highlands Tourist Association" Bathe says.

"If we give a little effort, we can do a lot for the area" Bathe says. "Instead of sitting and talking about it to each other, we're trying to do something about it."

"We're not trying to slight anyone. We're just trying to promote this county."

"If it does the area good, then it's worthwhile."

'We will work through the Chamber'

other projects which may benefit the business community of Minden and the surrounding area.

"We're not in any way shape or form trying to do our own thing" Bathe says. "We will work through the Chamber."

The group has concentrated on building a solid base of support among area business operators, and attracted more than 40 people to its most recent meeting. It has been marking time while the Chamber hired a new manager, but now plans to meet with Chamber directors to

Drag Lake property owners worried about development

Property owners on Drag Lake have expressed "very serious concern" about a proposed rezoning application that would permit a 38 unit time sharing resort on Outlet Bay between Spruce and Drag Lakes.

In a letter to Dysart et al council, Drag Lake Property Owners Association president C. Howard Chandler outlined the group's objections to the proposal by Sherwood Developments. The company hopes to build 12 single units on Spruce Lake property and 13 double units on Drag Lake shoreline. But cottagers "feel the density is too great for this limited area" Chandler said in his letter.

"This leads to our concern for the general environment, including water purity, water safety pertaining to recreation, and danger to spawning grounds."

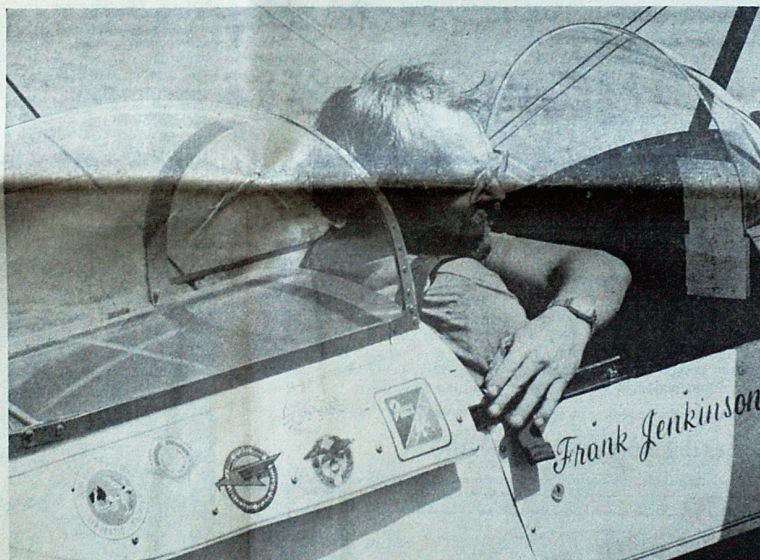
"We also consider that a series of short term owners would certainly

not have the same responsibility toward the community as continuous owners have" Chandler said.

Council has moved cautiously on the Sherwood Developments proposal from the outset, telling company representatives that careful study would be needed before any go ahead could be given.

Councillor Glen Hodgson suggested at an earlier meeting that an environmental impact study be carried out, but company spokesman Larry Bailey was non committal, saying he would have to know more about the cost of such a study and how long it would take to complete it.

Council will meet with officials of the ministry of housing and Sherwood Developments representatives next Monday to discuss the whole concept of time sharing before taking any further action on the rezoning application.



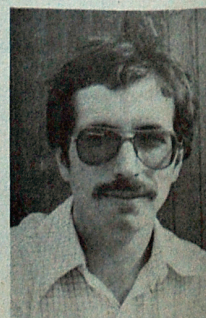
Frank Jenkinson of Toronto was the featured performer at the Stanhope air show Sunday. He put on an impressive display of aerobatic flying. For more pictures and information, see page three.

Manager brings 'fresh point of view'

Frank McCarron is enthusiastic about the future of the Highlands

The manager of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce believes he can bring a new perspective to a demanding job.

Frank McCarron, who began his duties with the Chamber last Wednesday, says his training in marketing and administration, coupled with a long-standing familiarity with the Highlands as a tourist destination, should help him on the job.



Frank McCarron

"I can bring a fresh point of view" McCarron says. "And I don't mean to imply that there was a stale point of view without me. What I'm saying is - I can bring a new viewpoint in from the outside."

McCarron, 24, is a native of Amherstburg, a small town south of Windsor. He attended Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, where he specialized in marketing and administration, graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration. Prior to joining the Chamber he was employed by a "high technology" food manufacturing company in Brampton.

McCarron says he's been coming to the Highlands for camping holidays since he was a child, and so has a good working knowledge of the area. But over the next few weeks he'll be visiting all corners of the county to meet with local business operators. He hopes to identify their concerns and learn what direction members want to see the Chamber take.

McCarron says he sees a two part role for the Chamber. "The first one is the specific one of being the promoter of tourism. The other one, which is much

broader, is that the Chamber represents the interests of all its members, as a professional body" in dealing with provincial and federal agencies.

The role of manager has been redefined recently by the board, which decided to separate tourism marketing and member services from other management duties. McCarron will be responsible for the day to day management of the Chamber office, while former manager Bob Stinson will concentrate on marketing and member services on a part time basis.

"Practice will actually tell" McCarron says, "but the theory is that Bob will be doing the marketing aspect, while I'll be spending my time managing the office and doing the public relations. But that's not a hard and fast boundary."

McCarron is enthusiastic about future prospects for Haliburton County. "The potential between now and the turn of the century is just fantastic" he says. "I'd like to be here for the time when the county is working toward this."

McCarron's first job is to meet as many people as possible, and

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Decoy carving

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DATE:	February 27th, 2017
TIME:	Any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.
LOCATION:	Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:
The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has, by resolution, declared the following parcels of land to be surplus.

Applicant: Stott
Location: 1014 Pike Lane – Paradise Lake.

Part of the Road Allowance for Pike Lane (Old Kennaway Colonization Road) described as Part of Lot 27, Concession 4, in the geographic Township of Dysart, defined as Parts 2, 3 and 4 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Greg Bishop Surveying and Consulting Ltd. dated June 12th, 2015.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portion of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 14th day of February, 2017.

Patricia E. Martin, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
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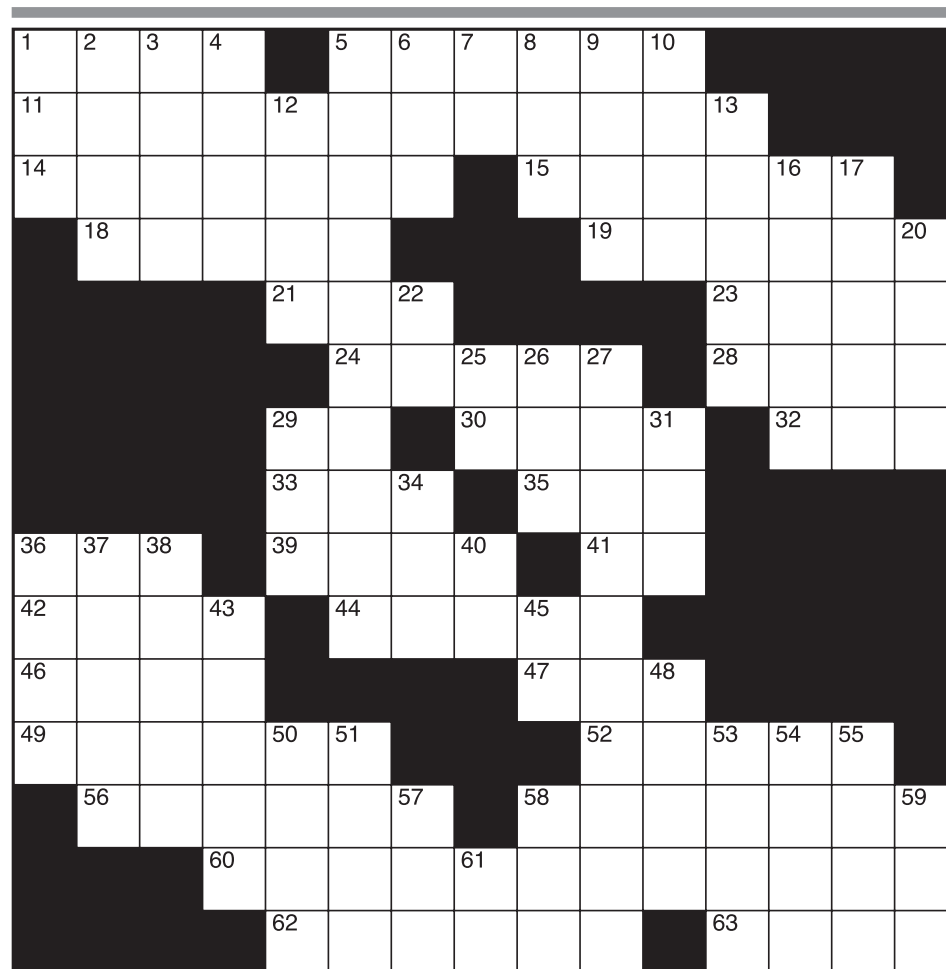
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Hilda Clark
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The local community theatre group The Loop Troupe will meet this Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wilberforce library branch. There's still time to get involved with the spring production. This amateur group has entertained folks in this community at least once annually for more than 20 years. Come out and join the fun.

It has been awhile since there have been 10 teams entered in the annual Women's

see LOCAL page 25



CLUES ACROSS

1. Unruly groups
5. Colorful flowers
11. December 25
14. Final stages of insects' development
15. Breadmakers
18. Spanish man
19. In the middle
21. Bill
23. Noted editor Alexander ____
24. Swollen
28. Paddles
29. Cirrus
30. Seeped into
32. Skeletal muscle
33. Japanese traditional drama
35. Licensed practical nurse
36. Sibiu Airport
39. Rebuff
41. Sun God
42. Astringent
44. Feeling of humiliation
46. A device attached to a workbench
47. Wood sorrel
49. Among
52. Horizontal passages
56. Father of Alexander the Great
58. Utter repeatedly
60. Linked together
62. Literary effect
63. Held onto

CLUES DOWN

1. One-time phone company
2. Units of electrical resistance
3. Hillside

4. Omen
5. Repetitions
6. Royal Mail Ship
7. Farm state
8. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
9. Dutch cheese
10. Japanese alcoholic beverage
12. Black powdery substance
13. Tokyo's former name
16. Monetary unit
17. Bones
20. To avoid the risk of
22. Dry goods unit of volume (abbr.)
25. Megabyte
26. Unwell
27. Expresses disapproval of
29. Central nervous system
31. We all have it
34. Expression of bafflement
36. Tributary of the Danube
37. Flies over sporting events
38. Chinese city
40. College degree
43. Dispenser of first aid
45. Momentum (slang)
48. Red Sea port
50. Sloven
51. __ Turner, rock singer
53. Asian nation (alt. sp.)
54. Manson victim
55. Go forward
57. Primary Care Trust
58. Simpson trial judge
59. Sun up in New York
61. Exclamation of surprise

Answers on page 26.

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Local team wins bonspiel

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Bonspiel here. And it has been even rarer to have the top three teams scoring almost the same points. Last weekend teams from Lakefield, Ottawa and Newmarket as well as from the home club enjoyed good curling in some very close games.

As club president Darrell McQuigge reported "It was a close bonspiel with standing not determined until the final game of the last draw was completed."

A Wilberforce team of Tammy Vaughan (skip), Ashley Baragar, Tanya Waller and

Wynn Agnew placed first with 46.5 points. In second place also with 46.5 points was the Ottawa team of Lise St. Louis (skip), Colleen Koza, Laurie Cloutier and Rhonda Giguire. In third spot was another Wilberforce team of Abby Cadieuw (skip), Andrea Donaldson, Marsha Sweet and Meghan Shaw with 46 points.

Always a fun spiel, this was no exception. Many teams had special costumes for this Valentine themed competition that ended with a delicious evening meal together. Congratulations to players and the organizers.



The winning team for this year's Don Fevreau's Memorial Ladies Bonspiel. From left, Wynn Agnew, Tanya Waller, Ashley Baragar and skip Tammy Vaughan. Submitted by Darrell McQuigge

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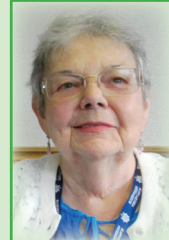
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Smith, Rev. John

Went home with the Lord, on Friday, February 3, 2017, Rev. John Ernest Smith of Listowel and formerly of Haliburton and Chatham, in his 84th year.

Loving husband of Velma (Ghent) Smith of Listowel. Father of Philip and Louise Smith, Keith and Bev Smith, Karen and Ted Parish, and Stephen and Stephanie Smith, all of Haliburton, Miriam Smith and Vera Battista of Ottawa, and Cathy Peters and Mark of Stratford. Loved by his many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Brother of Robert Smith of Niagara Falls, and brother-in-law of Joanne Smith of Orton, and Alan and Elizabeth Ghent, Willard Ghent, and Evelyn and Wayne Dowling, all of Mount Forest. Predeceased by his sons Richard (1977) and Rob (2008), brother Donald, and sisters-in-law Mary Smith and Dale Ghent.

Visitation will be held at First Baptist Church, Listowel, on Friday, February 24th from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m., where the funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 25th at 11:00 a.m. Pastor John Lambshead officiating.

Memorial donations to First Baptist Church, Listowel, or Immanuel Bolivia Mission Project (cheques payable to First Baptist Church) would be appreciated, and may be made through the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel (519-291-4840) Online condolences may be left at www.eatonfuneralhome.ca

Jack Edwin Valentine
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He will be greatly missed by all his many cousins and friends. Your memory lives on and we cherish those wonderful times around the campfire where you serenaded us with your guitar playing and heart felt songs. Jack will be forever missed by all who knew him.

Jack's ashes will be returned to Ontario for Internment at a later date. Cremation entrusted to the Rocky Mountain Crematorium, Rocky Mountain House. As an expression of sympathy memorial donations in Jack's name may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation and/or charity of donor's choice. Condolences may be forwarded to: www.rockyfuneralhome.ca



SIMPSON : PARKER ALBERT
Peacefully with all of his loving family at his side at Kingston General Hospital on Wednesday February 8, 2017.

Parker Simpson (Age 8).

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A Memorial Gathering in honour of Parker will be held at Seeley's Bay Holiness Church, 205 Main Street, Seeley's Bay on Sunday February 12, 2017 from 2 until 6 p.m. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations made to the Children's Cancer Fund at Kingston General Hospital 76 Stuart Street Kingston, ON K7L 2V7 or the South Crosby Public School "Park it with Parker" 1 Halladay Street, Elgin, Ontario K0G 1E0 would be appreciated by the family

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